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SUBJECT: VISIT OF DR. BEIL

- 1. GDR AMBASSADOR SIEBER, ACCOMPANIED BY COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR LANGE, CALLED ON COMMERCE UNDER SECRETARY BAKER OCTOBER 15 TO ARRANGE DATE FOR VISIT OF STATE SECRETARY GERHARD BEIL TO WASHINGTON. SIEBER ASKED WHETHER BAKER COULD MEET WITH BEIL ON NOVEMBER 24 AND BAKER REPLIED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. SIEBER INDICATED THAT BEIL WOULD PROBABLY SPEND TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON DURING WHICH TIME BEIL ALSO WISHED TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS AT STATE AND TREASURY.
- 2. BAKER STATED THAT HE LOOKED FORWARD TO THE BEIL VISIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUT EMPHASIZED TO SIEBER THAT DURING THE VISIT THERE

WOULD BE NO GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT DISCUSSIONS, PARTICULARLY CONCERNING A TRADE AGREEMENT. SIEBER STATED THAT HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF THIS.

3. ACCORDING TO SIEBER, BEIL WILL TENTATIVELY BE IN THE U.S. THROUGH DECEMBER 2 AND WILL VISIT A NUMBER OF AMERICAN COMPANIES THROUGHOUT THE U.S. NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO,

LOS ANGELES, PITTSBURGH AND MIDLAND, MICHIGAN, WERE THE CITIES MENTIONED BY THE AMBASSADOR AS LIKELY STOPS FOR BEIL. THE UNDER SECRETARY OFFERED COMMERCE'S ASSISTANCE IN CONTACTING AMERICAN COMPANIES.

4. SIEBER WAS WARNED THAT NOVEMBER 27 WAS A HOLIDAY IN THE U.S. AND THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH COMPANIES BETWEEN NOVEMBER 27 AND 30. WHILE RECOGNIZING THAT THE TIMING, DUE TO THE HOLIDAY, MAY CAUSE SOME PROBLEMS, THE AMBASSADOR FELT THAT THE VISIT SHOULD BE SET UP AS PLANNED. KISSINGER

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